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Mr. Herman L. Jayson, Chairman
National Security Week Committee
C-Z Chemical Company
Beloit, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Jayson:

Thank you very much for your letter of 23 January inviting me to speak at the National Security Week Banquet on 6 May.

I sincerely regret that I am unable to accept your kind invitation. In view of my official position, it is necessary for me to restrict my speaking engagements to the various government service schools except on a rare occasion when I make an outside address. Unfortunately, I cannot make an additional commitment at this time.

Your courtesy in asking me to join you on this particular occasion is indeed appreciated and I am sorry that my reply cannot be more favorable.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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Beloit, Wisconsin

January 23, 1961

Hon. Allen W. Dulles, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Dulles:

A committee of citizens representing all segments of the Beloit, Wisconsin, community and affiliated with the Greater Beloit Association of Commerce is planning and sponsoring a National Security Week to be held in Beloit the week beginning Monday, May 1, 1961. The committee wishes to extend to you an invitation to be present and to deliver the major address at the banquet which is to climax the activities of the Week on the evening of Saturday, May 6.

This National Security Week, as the committee conceives it and is planning it, will be a community-wide stock-taking period, in which each individual and each group participating will have the opportunity to reflect on the magnificent heritage to which all are heir and on the awesome responsibility that falls on all to protect, to add to, and to perpetuate that heritage. The Week is conceived of as a Week of both Thanksgiving and Rededication. The committee feels that you have much to contribute in the way of knowledge and inspiration and we would be deeply grateful to you if you can accept the obligation to address us.

The Week has its origin in conversations between myself and the Naval Reserve Officers Association National Convention in San Francisco in November, 1960. At the Naval Reserve Officers Association National Convention (and still today) one of the main objectives of the Week was (and is) to combat the all too prevalent spirit of apathy, of let-George-do-it irresponsibility, that exists among the American people. The Committee is operating on the thesis that since the blessings of freedom and democracy are shared by all, the responsibilities for their preservation and extension should be and must be the obligation of all. Our committee is planning programs of interest to, and we hope will be stimulating to, businessmen, industrialists, laboring men and women, teachers, students, professional people, housewives and mothers, etc. It is our intention to bring all elements together for the final banquet on Saturday evening.

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Hon. Allen W. Dulles, Director


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In the development of the idea for this National Security Week various members of the Department of Defense and of the Department of the Navy have been of great assistance to us. Frankly, it is the hope of members of both Departments, and it is our hope, too, that this Week will "catch on" and spread to other communities across the nation. The committee thus considers this in the nature of a pilot program and is planning it with great diligence and care. Should you desire information about our plans, we would be very happy to furnish it. We would like to suggest that Major General Ralph A. Palladino, U.S.A. Military Executive Reserve Forces Policy Board, Captain W. F. Schlech, Jr., U.S.N., Director, Progress Analysis Group and Captain John S. Fahy, U.S.N., Ass't. Chief of the Bureau of Naval Personnel, all of whom are in Washington, are cognizant of what we are attempting to do and can give you information about it.

As the time is short, the committee would like to be rather blunt about certain details that might in other circumstances be handled more leisurely. The committee is prepared to underwrite the expenses you will incur in accepting the speaking engagement and to offer you a substantial honorarium as appropriate. We should like to say in closing that we want you to come very much: the program planning sub-committee was unanimous in its choice of you as the most appropriate person to invite as the banquet speaker. Please do not hesitate to call or wire me collect.

Respectfully yours,


Herman L. Jayson, Chairman
National Security Week Committee
Beloit, Wisconsin

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles:

Stan Grogan recommends that you decline
this invitation.

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